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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y ADD EO, TAGS, SUBJ.

FOR EUR ARMITAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OTRA (ARMITAGE, JOHN A)
SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT RFE/RL PROGRAMMING CONFERENCE

1. CONGEN AND RFE/RL MANAGEMENT HERE WOULD WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM REVIEW CONFERENCE. BIB AND MICKELSON HAVE ALREADY SPREAD WORD TO RFE/RL AMERICAN MANAGEMENT THAT YOU AND EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS HOPE TO ATTEND, AND RESPONSE HERE HAS BEEN POSITIVE.

2. YOUR PARTICIPATION WOULD, IN CONGEN'S JUDGMENT, MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO STEER RFE AND RL AWAY FROM EXCESSES OF EMOTIONALISM, OVERGENERALIZATION AND BELLIGERENCE WHICH SOMETIMES IMPAIR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND EFFECTIVENESS. QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT WHICH BIB AND RADIOS ENVISAGE FOR CONFERENCE WOULD PRESUMABLY LEND ITSELF WELL TO CONCRETE DISCUSSION OF CURRENT DEVEMOPMENT IN USSR AND EE COUNTRIES AND US POLICY TOWARD AREA.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RFE/RL MANAGEMENT IS CONTEM-
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STAFFERS, BIB LIST EXPECTED TO INCLUDE OFFICERS FROM
EE EMBASSIES, AND APPRIXMATELY 15 BOARD AND STAFF
MEMBERS OF BIB. RFE/RL HEADQUARTERS LIST WILL INCLUDE
MICKELSON, HAYESGN WLATER, BUCHAN AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER

PERSON. LISTS WILL BE CABLED WHEN AVILABLE.

5. SCHEDULE HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. SUMMARY WILL BE
CABLED LATER IN WEEK.

6. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, I HOPE YOU
WILL STAY AT RESIDENCE. WOULD MRS. ARMITAGE ACCOMPANY?
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